

HB 1112 -- LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES

SPONSOR: Gosen

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Insurance Policy by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill allows 13 or more persons to form a company to issue life insurance policies outside of the United States for coverage of nonlife risks that are attached as riders to individual life insurance policies if the aggregate premium assumed on an annual basis under the nonlife risks does not exceed 3% of the capital and surplus of the company as of December 31 of the preceding year.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill gives domestic insurance companies located in this state the authority to write or assume business outside the United States. Standard life insurance in the United States is not like life insurance sold in foreign countries. Other nations include specialty riders in life insurance policies. These provisions open doors for the United States and Missouri to do more business in foreign countries but does not allow foreign life policies to be written inside our country. The bill will allow a firm to submit a bid as a rider on a life insurance policy. Reinsurance firms are missing out on one-third of the foreign business growth opportunities that exist in the life insurance market.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Gosen; and Matthew Fillo, RGA Reinsurance Company.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.